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Topists Disappoint
with the Bat.

MR. SCOTT'S XI

Calcutta, Yesterday. Participating in a minor game in preparation for the opening of the tour of the first-class cricketers in England on Wednesday, the Indian team, eleven, failed badly with the bat against Mr. T. Gilbert Scott's XI here to-day. At the close of play the home team were only 109 runs in arrears with nine wickets in hand. Scores as follows:—

All-Indian XI 102 (Lall Singh 42);

Mr. Scott's XI 23 for 1. It will be recalled that Lall Singh, Malaya's best all-rounder, has participated in International matches against the Colony. His aggregate in England is being closely watched when the negotiations in England are being completed. It is believed that no negotiations will be entered into with the British Government, as far as the Colony with the Malaya in 1929 when he had the following the co-equality between the bowling figures for the match. 24.1-5.73-5.

TO-DAY'S HAPPY VALLEY SELECTIONS

DUNBAR STABLE HAVE SOME GOOD
ENTRIES.

WATCH MR. FROST

(By Wombat.)

With the exception of the first and sixth events fields should be plentiful at this afternoon's 5th Extra Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club which will take place at Happy Valley racecourse.

The principal event on the programme will probably have a few starters owing to the presence of Gleneagles which has evidently frightened many of the other entrants to accept for other engagements. However, it is quite a good card and there is plenty of variety, therefore, there is every reason to believe that a fairly big crowd of local racegoers will be there to witness the prospect of some good racing.

The Third Aggregate Stakes which is over a distance of one mile is the big race on the card and should be worth witnessing despite the fact that a small field will contest this event.

The Australian race should be well worth seeing as some fast ponies will be in action over a nine-furlong distance, and fans are waiting to see what happens with the lightly weighted entrants which will be carrying 50 lbs. less than the top weight.

Some fine class ponies are entered in the Mount Davis Stakes which is an event for novice jockeys who have to carry a penalty of 20 lbs. for every race won. A good chance is expected in this race which should be won in good time.

SECOND READING GIVEN TO OATH BILL

DE VALERA SECURES DAIL SUPPORT BY 77 VOTES TO 71

COSGRAVE'S BITTER ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Dublin, Yesterday. The Dail to-day passed the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Oath of Allegiance by 77 votes to 71, after a debate in which Mr. Cosgrave declared:

It was Mr. De Valera's blindness and vanity that drew Ireland into civil war and Mr. De Valera is re-seeking that war-like atmosphere in the Free State as the only way to regain the halo which he lost at the hands of the Treaty.

De Valera's attack on the Free State as the only way to regain the halo which he lost at the hands of the Treaty.

SHANGHAI CONFERENCE. RESUMPTION.

NANKING WILL WAIT FOR LEAGUE RESOLUTION.

RECONNOITERING BY JAPANESE PLANES PROTESTED.

Nanking, Yesterday. Interviewed this morning, a spokesman of the Foreign Office issued a statement announcing that the Chinese Government insists that the Shanghai armistice negotiations be resumed only after the League Assembly adopts the resolution.

The Chinese Government protests against the repeated reconnoitering by Japanese planes of the Chinese lines, also the reports from Woosung Customs officials that the Japanese military have interfered with the officials carrying out their duties, and the Japanese reply, which states that pending the restoration of "normal conditions" the Japanese military are compelled to interfere with Customs work in the areas in which the Japanese military are stationed.

The Chinese Government, the spokesman continued, is devising means to meet the above issues.

Regarding relations between China and the Soviet, the Chinese Government is ready to consider the resumption of relations between the two countries, if Russia desires

WHEAT SHORTAGE IN GERMANY.

DUTY REDUCED.

Berlin, Yesterday. The duty on foreign wheat has been reduced from 250 Marks a ton to 180 Marks until June 30 in order to remedy the shortage in Germany which is estimated at about 100,000 tons.

DUNLOP RUBBER COMPANY.

Stock Share Dividends.

London, Yesterday. The Dunlop Rubber Company for 1931 shook a profit of £1,181,000. It is proposed to pay a full year's dividend on all classes of preference shares, but no dividend will be paid on ordinary shares. — Reuter.

DISPUTE OVER PICTURE

Royal Academy Exhibit.

PAINTINGS OF ROYALTY.

Bank of England Museum.

London, Yesterday.

Such controversy is likely to be provoked by the "King of Kings" by Richard Slicker, A.R.A., which will probably be the picture of the year for the year's Royal Academy.

The scene is presented in a series

The King of Christ appears to

the Queen in a

reception of a seventh

pictures by the late Sir Wm. Orpen, R.A.

Royalty is represented by four

studies of the King, one in yacht

ing clothes. There is also a fine

portrait of the Queen, a bronze

bust of the Prince of Wales, and

a pretty picture of Princess

Elizabeth.

An interesting series of pictures

by famous artists represents a

"Bank in Being" and is intended

for the mural decorations of the

Bank of England. It includes

bank scenes wherein all sorts of

members of the staff such as porters

and guards are portrayed.

One subject is Mr. W. H. Clegg

who is now on the directorate.

Reuter.

MANCHURIAN UNREST.

TUNGHUA SKIRMISH.

Changchun, Yesterday.

On receipt of a report that a body of a thousand guerrilla troops were threatening Tunghua, where 140 Japanese are finding refuge in the Consulate branch office, a detachment of Japanese troops left Kirin this morning and encountered the guerrilla forces en route.

A sharp engagement ensued,

in which the Japanese lost five

dead and five wounded.

Further details are lacking

owing to the interruption of communications.

It was discovered that the bandits had burned down two

wooden bridges on the Kirin-

Tunghua line, one of which,

the Oehito Bridge, will take a

week to repair. The other bridge,

at Chiaho, is now closely guarded

by Japanese troops. — Reuter.

CLOUDY — RAIN.

The weather report issued by

the Royal Observatory at 10.30

a.m. to-day states:—

Depressions are situated over

South Manchuria and Indo-

China, and another is moving

to the North of Borneo, on a

westerly track.

Forecast:—South-west wind,

moderate; cloudy, rain.

The following telegram was

received from the Manila Ob-

servatory at 9 a.m. April 30,

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ate-General, Hong Kong.

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KAWABATA DIES--ADMIRAL NOMURA'S EYE REMOVED

SHIGEMITSU IN GRAVE DANGER

BOMBING VICTIMS SUFFER SEVERE WOUNDS

FEARS OF PEACE CONFERENCE BEING JEOPARDISED

KOREAN ASSAILANT WAS ROUGHLY HANDLED BY CROWD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Kawabata, President of the Japanese Residents' Association, died early this morning from grave internal injuries suffered in the bomb outrage yesterday.

Physicians are now fighting to save the life of Mr. M. Shigemitsu, Japanese Minister to China, suffering a high temperature, with continual fainting spells due to loss of blood. He has been several times revived by injections.

Admiral Nomura's left eye has been removed. Mr. Shigemitsu is facing a long hospital confinement. Both his thighs are terribly injured.

KOREAN UNNOTICED.

An eye-witness of the outrage narrates that not until the last moment did anybody notice the Korean, who crept through the crowd of civilians, soldiers and sailors.

Suddenly two Japanese mounted soldiers suspected the movements of the Korean. They dismounted and dived at the man, but were too late. The miscreant uncovered the bomb, pulled out the time-pin, and a fraction of a second after the missile had been thrown there was a terrific explosion which threw the whole park into consternation, verging on panic.

The crash lifted Mr. Shigemitsu off his feet. The explosion tore a hole in the flooring, flags and decorations were ripped to tatters. All other notables standing on the dais writhed with pain.

General Shirakawa was seen holding his hand to his shattered mouth where bomb fragments had torn his cheek and had ripped out his teeth.

LYNCH LAW REIGNED.

When the first shock was over lynch law reigned, and the Korean assailant found himself the vortex of a swirling mob. Fists, boots and sticks beat him down time after time. His grey suit was torn to tatters and his face was bleeding profusely.

Then the cordon of soldiers, with fixed bayonets, kept the crowd at bay immediately after the outrage. The whole park was surrounded by soldiers and none was allowed to leave for a considerable time. They were all carefully searched.

Many Chinese and Koreans were arrested.

JEOPARDISE NEGOTIATIONS.

The Japanese authorities closed all entrances leading to Chapei and notified the Chinese authorities accordingly. The French Settlement Police raided a number of Korean headquarters at the request of the Japanese authorities and arrested a man connected with the committee of the so-called "Provisional Government of Korea."

The present atmosphere at Shanghai is one of grave forebodings and the general impression prevails that the outrage is bound to jeopardise the Peace Negotiations and will stiffen the Japanese attitude.

It is a serious setback to the restoration of normality at the very moment when everything pointed to a settlement of the dispute. Police authorities are redoubling the vigilance, especially on the eve of Labour Day, to-morrow.

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The WOMAN'S Page



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A VISIT WILL CONVINCE YOU.

The revival of crude colours has certain dangers, in that it invites the eye to ignore the finer shades. Various nations produce various colours well. The Germans and Austrians have particularly beautiful blues, while the French can hardly be surpassed in certain shades of light blue.

Of recent years the colour standard of all nations has risen. Only a few years ago the great variety in whites was hardly thought of, except by those who studied the Chinese. Parchment, oyster white, bone white, old white, are only a few of the various tones which belong to the same family, and there are innumerable beiges where there used only to be fawn or drab. The very word drab, took on a peculiar significance owing to its connection with the most hideous form of waterproof or the fact that "it did not show the dirt"—no matter how much dirt it actually accumulated. The same development has applied to practically all other colours, and green in particular has been to the fore. Green, indeed, set the pace for the shriller colourings. Under the guise of "emerald," which is actually a soft and beautiful colour with a great deal of depth, colourings have emerged which grate almost physically, and they grate not because they are bright but because they are superficial. A large proportion of the bright colours used at the moment have no depth at all and merely hit the eye, and it is only in the more expensive versions that brightness goes hand in hand with the fullness of tone that is found, say, in a good many geraniums or delphiniums.

It is a truism that multicolouring produces a good deal of depth, which is one reason why tweeds are now more satisfactory than many of the plain colourings. This is not to say that plain colourings cannot have depth by themselves, especially when this is thrown up by such means, perhaps, as fur. The Worth model of a Spring coat is in a profound navy blue wool, trimmed with grey astrakhan in which a tinge of blue is observable. This gives the blue an effect which is both cool and warm at the same time, and it is, moreover, becoming to those who, in the ordinary way do not look their best in dark blue. The bloused effect of the coat top may be noticed, as also the sleeves, of which the fullness is outlined with braid, and the fur thrown over one shoulder to hang down the back.

Worth has, further, some other colourings which are not out of the way but are smart because all the tones have depth and—almost—feeling. Thus black and yellow are very freely used. A black suit with some sort of yellow looks appropriate at this time of year, and the black may further be trimmed with Summer ermine. A bolero dress may be black and worn with a yellow blouse, crossing over and tied at the side. Round the edges of the bolero a twist of black and yellow hangs down and links the two main tones. The bell sleeves of the bolero may be trimmed with narrow

black braid which is a little shiny. Beige and black is another obvious colour scheme, but is none the worse for that. Moreover, it can be greatly varied. Coats of suits, for instance, can be trimmed with the many beige furs now to be bought, and some of these have animal patterns and some only those of art. Very becoming afternoon frocks can be made for older women of lace or satin, with pale beige tops and black skirts. Sometimes the beige encroaches downwards and follows a tunic line. Sometimes the skirt encroaches upwards and may become of the corset shape or have a bib over the beige underbouse. For the generality, the latter mode is the least becoming. As a rule, corsets are not made high enough to be becoming, and anything much below the Empire line is apt to be unsuccessful. Black and beige lace combine very successfully in this connection, and to the beige top may be added a coat of the black lace, which gives a unified appearance to the whole.

From beige and black it is a step to black and white, which tends to increase, if only to escape from the shrill colourings of the rest of the world. Black suits not only have all sorts of white waistcoats, blouses, vests, draperies, but they are often trimmed with white. Here and there black linen is trimmed with a blank white. Suits with short coats not only have a white edging to the neck of the coat, but the white underneath protrudes all round the edges. In addition, the bell sleeves sometimes have a loose white braiding at the underarm. Afternoon frocks may have one side of the bodice white and the other black. One side of the hip may carry on the white of the bodice

while the rest is black. There are innumerable black and white flecked materials, the flecks often running horizontally, as do the stripes with which colour schemes are so frequently varied.

Red and black are perhaps most often seen in the striped materials, though there are many others.

These, coupled perhaps with some white, form short sweaters of which

only the front shows under the coat, or they may line a coat and may

serve as revers. Mustard—as op-

posed to yellow—is another good

colour—at least when it is good.

This, again, may betray its owner,

and it should be soft and vivid in

tone. Some mustards are flecked

with a very little black or grey to

give them softness. Mustard in

coats or dresses looks very well with

touches of black and with sharp,

crisp white as revers or waistcoats.

A pink flower often pulls it into

place. Its wearers should them-

selves have clear and preferably

bright colouring.

—M. H.

Do You Know?

Woollen garments washed with rain water to which one tablespoonful of soap flakes has been added will not shrink.

To break a cocoanut with very little effort, first remove the milk, and then tie a piece of strong string



Household Hints

Dents can be taken out of wooden surfaces by first covering with a wet cloth, then placing a hot iron on the cloth. Repeat until the dent has disappeared.

Painted furniture that has become rather dull can be freshened by applying with a flannel a mixture of melted soap flakes and whiting. Rinse afterwards in warm water.

To clean walnut furniture, rub with a flannel wrung out in paraffin oil. Rinse with clear, cold water.

A little boiled linseed oil applied occasionally to varnished furniture will keep it in good condition. The oil not only brightens the varnish, but helps to preserve it.

Gilded frames can be cleaned by rubbing over with a small piece of cotton wool dipped in gin; rub dry with a silk rag.

When the seats of cane chairs show a tendency to sag, scrub both top and bottom with a warm soapy lather, then rinse well with cold water to which a generous amount of salt has been added. This causes the cane to shrink, thus making the seats firmer.

To repair scratches on polished furniture, apply to the affected parts a mixture made with shredded beeswax and turpentine. Warm the turpentine in an old pan (placed in a larger saucier pan of water for safety), then stir in the beeswax, and when this is thoroughly dissolved paint over the cracks with a small camel-hair brush.



By George Studdy



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RAIN SPOILS SHANGHAI INTERPORT TRIAL PROBABLE PLAYERS

BIG MATCH TO BE PLAYED ON
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

LEACH CERTAIN CAPTAIN

Shanghai, April 24.

Cricketers who were invited to turn out yesterday for a practice to prepare for the match against Hong Kong in May were disappointed as the weather played them false.

The rain that fell during the previous night made the ground so soft that the authorities concerned deemed it inadvisable to have a long practice, and though it dried up slightly towards the middle of the afternoon, only a short knock up took place.

CHANGES IN THE SIDE.

With the interport match only when the local team went down to a matter of four weeks away, Hong Kong. Doubtless these will local cricketers will have to bestir themselves to get into form to meet their opponents who have just concluded their season in the Colony. A. J. Barson, R. Booth, H. A. Cowan, M. J. Divedcha, R. S. Elliott, A. L. S. Harris, J. A. Isaacs, J. T. Hegarty, D. W. Leach, W. Mansel-Smith, F. Marshall, C. J. Merritt, D. W. B. Murray, J. M. Pearson, J. A. Quayle, H. Rogerson, C. B. W. Robson, P. V. Simpson, L. F. Stokes, A. C. Sinclair, C. E. M. Thomson, F. L. Wainwright, and T. W. R. Wilson, were invited to turn out for the practice and a glance over the names reveals that the majority have served Shanghai before in Interport contests.

Leach Certain.

D. W. Leach who has earned the enviable distinction of being one of the best all-round cricketers in the Far East, has captained Shanghai for a good number of years and his inclusion will be a certainty. Wilson, Barson, Booth, Coward, Merritt, Isaacs and Simpson were among those that represented Shanghai so successfully last year.

FIELD FLOOD AND RING By Athole

Shanghai Confident.

The most recent news from Shanghai states that the northern port is quietly confident of retaining the Hong Kong flag and levelling matters up in the Interport Cricket series. The game will probably be started on Friday, May 21, and particular interest is attached to it due to the fact that Hong Kong has now 15 wins to Shanghai's 14.

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Pat Madar's Position.

The Shanghai cricketing community is under the impression that Pat Madar is ineligible to play for the Colony as he has not the required period of residence to fulfil the conditions of play. It will be interesting to see the views expressed in the northern press when the Hong Kong side is published.

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Rain Spoils Trial.

Rain spoilt the first Shanghai Interport Trial, but a knock-up was indulged in which lasted for about half an hour on a rain sodden wicket. It is, however, anticipated that the team of last year will form the nucleus of this year's interport side and though no actual side has been chosen as yet, among those that are turning out for practice, the names of W. Mansel-Smith, L. F. Stokes, M. J. Divedcha and F. L. Wainwright stand out as favoured ones for inclusion. Mansel-Smith was not available last year but will add to the strength of the team this year if he is able to play, while Stokes was on leave at the time of the last Interport and should get in place this season. Divedcha and Wainwright are also good all-round men who deserve recognition.

ROYAL ARTILLERY WIN SOCCER CUP.

Convincing Victory Over H.M.S. Kent.

MOORE BAGS THREE.

Before a large crowd of supporters on the Club ground yesterday H.M.S. Kent were decisively beaten by the large margin of six goals to two by the Royal Artillery in the Final of the United Services Football Competition.

The Artillery opened the scoring as the result of a centre from Walker, Bryant giving the goalkeeper no chance with his shot. A few minutes later the military side increased their lead when Bryant sent Moore through to score with ease.

In the second half the gunners maintained their superiority and went further ahead when Allan fastened on to a pass from Bryant to score with a fast shot. Nothing daunted, the Kent attacked again and again and at last pierced the defence when Hayward headed through from a pass from Hills. This, however, spurred the Artillery on and Woods increased the Artillery score from a pass from Walker. Shortly after Moore, as the result of a solo effort on the left, added the fifth point. Moore again found the net a few minutes later to place the issue well beyond doubt. Nearing the final whistle, however, the Kent eleven rallied and Stephenson reduced the heavy arrears.

For the losers Green was prominent, but his beautifully placed centres were ruined by the inaccuracy of the inside forwards. Flindall, on the other wing, was also to the force, but found the same difficulty. Longley, in goal, though conceding six points, played a much better game than the score would suggest.

The Artillery forwards were much faster on the ball than their rivals, and their defence was always on top of the opposing attack.

(Continued at foot of Column 5.)

Betty's Rabbit's Foot.

It is surprising how superstition plays a large part in the lives of sporting folk. Miss Betty Nuthall, the brilliant young English tennis player, carries a rabbit's foot in the breast pocket of her Wightman Cup blazer. It is concealed on the inside, being sewn into the material. It is a "charm" which goes into court with her on every big occasion.

G. M. Lott Retires.

The announcement of the retirement of George M. Lott, the American Davis Cup player, for business reasons, has startled the tennis world. It will be recalled that Lott, partnered by John Van Ryn, won the doubles title at Wimbledon last year. His retirement has removed a stiff hurdle from the path of the youthful British team in their quest for the Davis Cup.

An Allison-Van Ryn combination is not to be feared so much as the all-conquering Lott-Van Ryn partnership.

France Will Win.

Talking of the Davis Cup I must point out Rene Lacoste's views. He says that although in excellent physical condition, he is not considering the possibility of playing in the challenge round of the Davis Cup competition, but does not see why France's position should be worse than last year.

"Even if Borotra does not play, Marcel Bernard can replace him. In any case, if Cochet wins both singles and the doubles with Brugnon, the cup will be saved."

British Rugby in America.

An attempt to popularise the British type of Rugby football has been made in New York when, in a lapse of several years and proved very popular, attracting a large entry. C. R. Wardle, one of the leading exponents of the game, was expected to make a fine showing against Medina when he defeated W. A. Pennell in the semi-final. Medina's knowledge of the game in general and his perfect accuracy in placing the ball all over the field, however, enabled him to win. Wardle's side

THE CRICKET SEASON COMMENCES

2 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

JARDINE TO LEAD SURREY AT OVAL AGAINST WORCESTER.

WARWICK'S VISIT TO LORD'S

"King Willow" makes his bow in London to-day when both Lord's and the Oval will be thronged with enthusiastic schoolboys seeking a few hints before the curtain rises on their 1932 Cricket Season.

There are only two matches on the programme as it is yet early to commence the season. Both, however, are County Championship encounters. At Lord's Middlesex are entertaining Warwickshire, and Worcestershire are the guests of Surrey at the Oval.

INDIAN TOUR COMMENCES.

Last year's match between Surrey and Worcestershire at Kennington Oval provided a great struggle for the first innings lead, the home county just getting home by six runs. It was played much later in the season and was not favoured by good weather. The feature of that game was an invaluable innings for 43, scored out of 148, by Fred Root, the leg-trap bowler.

The probable teams on view to-day are as follows:

Surrey:—D. R. Jardine, P. G. H. Fender, M. J. C. Allum, Hobbs, Sandham, Shepherd, Barling, Gregory, Brooks, Gover and Geary.

Worcester:—C. F. Walters, T. L. Winwood, B. W. Quaife, Wright, Fox, Gibbons, Nichol, Root, Perks, White and Jackson.

Big Partnership Recalled.

Middlesex enjoyed only one day's play in their home fixture against Warwickshire last year. Rain robbed the game of any definite result and Middlesex batted throughout the only day available for 408 runs for the loss of seven wickets.

The features of the match were the opening partnership of 277 scored in 250 minutes by Greville Stevens (117) and E. T. Killick (206), and the bowling of R. E. S. Wyatt (30-4-109-5).

Indian Tourists.

On Monday the All-India cricket tourists commence their tour of the British Isles with a two day

match at Aldershot against a representative Army XI. It will

give them their first opportunity to gain match practice before their first important match which will

commence at Hove on Wednesday when the tourists will be opposed to Maurice Tate and Sussex.

We, here in Hong Kong, can only

hope that our old friend Lall Singh, the all-rounder from Malaya, will

receive an extensive trial and that he will emerge with flying colours.

There is no doubt in our minds that

he was a born cricketer, but he is

going to find the light a little different to what he has been accustomed to, and hence our anxiety.

INTERPORT XI. IN ACTIONS.

Kowloon v. Borderers in Vital Match.

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

On the Club ground to-day the Kowloon Football Club and the South Wales Borderers will contest the right to the runners-up position in the First Division of the League. The match is scheduled to commence at 5 p.m., and will be controlled by Sgt. Caswell with R. P. O. Darlington and Art. Br. Brown officiating as linesmen.

At the conclusion of the game

Mrs. Ormiston, wife of Mr. J. Ormiston, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association, will present the league trophies to the winners and runners-up in the three divisions of the League.

FIRST TRIAL GAME.

On the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground to-day the Interport XI. will receive its first trial when opposed to Lt.-Comdr. Shaw's XI.

The following are the two elevens:

Interport XI.:—E. J. R. Mitchell

(captain), G. R. Sayer, J. E.

Richardson, A. C. Beck, A. C.

Hamilton, G. C. Burnett, E. F.

Fincher, P. Madar, A. H. Madar,

A. R. Minu, and W. T. Patterson.

Lt.-Comdr. Shaw's XI.:—Capt.

R. G. Moir, Capt. J. E. Mirehouse,

Lt. A. H. Musson, Lt. A. M.

Anstruther, Sub-Lt. Laman, R.N.

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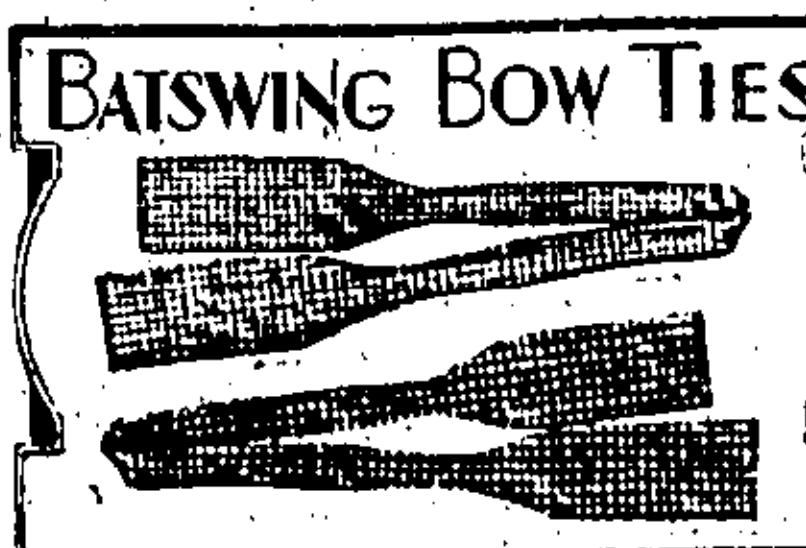
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Empire and Finance.

The declaration that the time had come for Britain to end her policy of lending British savings and money to reconstruct the monetary system of European rivals, contained in the report of as responsible a body as the Federation of British Industries, is provoking of serious thought and raises doubts of the wisdom of much of the international nature of Britain's finance. Britain's predominant position as a leading nation in world affairs, trade and finance makes international banking an important and integral part of the nation's business. In fact the profits from Britain's overseas investments has enabled the country to exist for so many years with a huge deficit in the export trade compared to the import trade. But the very size of the foreign business is disturbing and many doubts have in the past been raised as to the safety of many of the enterprises launched with British capital in foreign countries. A foreign investment is attended by many worries and necessitates protection — a protection which by its aggressiveness sometimes causes international friction. The profits are large, but often the losses are severe, and in these days of depression the losses have become frequent. As a consequence Britain is vitally interested in the sorry economic plight of so many of the European nations and the recent Danubian Conference at which the Powers discussed possible financial assistance to these countries is an example of the manner in which Britain is situated in regard to responsibility in these matters. There are many instances where the British public has been duped, notably the Russian loans and the some of the South American investments. The American public has also suffered and the extent of their losses, principally in Germany and South American States, has been greater owing to the fact that their international bankers and financiers lack the skill and long experience of the British financiers. In fact, Mr. J. Plarport Morgan and his millionaire colleagues are under public fire now in the United States following revelations of the huge extent of American foreign investment. The comments of the Federation of Industrialists are of particular significance in view of these facts and there is a growing opinion that British capital could be used to better advantage and profit all home than

abroad. High finance is very complicated affair, even to the most initiated, but hard, simple facts can be faced, and it is very apparent that England and many of the Dominions, Australia and New Zealand especially, need support for development of home industries, both primary and secondary. It is felt, and not without reason, that more attention could be paid to local business, and that the foreign transactions could be minimised for the present. The whole of the Empire is economically sick, although there are signs that the convalescent stage is near at hand, and the coming Ottawa Conference promises to remedy much of the present trouble. The Federation of British Industries has recognised this, and in addition to advocacy of the devotion of British finance to within the Empire, the suggestion is made for the adoption of a common Empire monetary and industrial policy, designed to facilitate the admission of other countries willing and able to co-operate with the sterling group. This is not a new idea, and there has been opposition to the plan. Supporters are many, however, and the scheme is not at all impracticable. It is helped by the fact that gold as the basic currency metal seems to be insufficient. Recent conditions have been almost chaotic, and the countries remaining on the gold standard have been just as adversely affected as those which have deserted gold, temporarily at least. An Empire currency might be regarded as selfish by other nations, but it is admitted that the introduction of silver would help those countries on a silver standard of which China is the principal nation. Many economists have declared that recognition of silver, and establishment of a new currency system in which silver would be related proportionally to gold would accomplish more to leading to world recovery than any other step. The scheme appears worthy of at least an experiment as it could scarcely cause any more confusion than that already existing in the financial realm. When leading bankers candidly confess their inability to cope with the situation and admit their perplexment at the workings of the gold standard, the position calls for revision. Just now it would seem that countries off the gold standard are better situated than those nations on it, and some Americans are even attempting to persuade the United States Government to suspend the export of gold for the time being. By July some action may be imperative and the Ottawa Conference may take some definite action which will be of great benefit to the Empire, and indirectly to the world.

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Personal Paras.

Among passengers who arrived from Home by the Blue Funnel liner Hector were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Farrell.

Another passenger on the s.s. Hakoza Maru, which arrived here yesterday was Professor N. Ishikawa, who is returning to Japan after attending the International Surgical Congress in Paris.

Commander Curtis and Lieut.-Comdr. Squance, of the Naval Intelligence Staff, Hong Kong, are to sail for Home next Saturday on the P. & O. liner Ranpura, having completed two years' service here.

Mr. C. M. McDonald, News Editor of the South China Morning Post will leave for the North to-day per s.s. Hector, en route to Peking, where he will act as correspondent for The Times, and other newspapers.

Passengers who arrived by the s.s. Hector yesterday included several members of the Chinese military service, who are returning home after completing training in England. They are Lieuts. P. S. Chang, D. H. Chen, K. L. Hwa and T. C. Yang, and are accompanied by Dr. J. T. Kuo and Mr. S. C. Pai.

Among the through passengers by the N.Y.K. liner s.s. Hakoza Maru which arrived from London yesterday, were Sir Harry Singh Gour, Kt., M.A., LL.D., the leader of the Nationalist Opposition in the Legislative Assembly at New Delhi, India, and his daughter, Miss R. Gour. Sir Harry Singh Gour is on his way to Japan, where he will spend a month delivering lectures before proceeding to Germany via Siberia.

News in Brief.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., announce the removal of their Kowloon branch from the Dairy Farm premises to 94, Nathan Road, as from to-morrow.

The annual general meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Chamber's offices, Chartered Bank Building, at 4.15 p.m. next Thursday.

The Gloucester Building Apartments, situated on the 8th floor of Hong Kong's latest and most modern building, will be open on Monday, and it will offer residents one of the most attractive and up-to-date restaurant and private bar in the Colony.

The Annual General Meeting of Members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce will take place at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, Chartered Bank Buildings, on Thursday, May 5, at 4.15 p.m., when the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year 1931, will be received, and a new Committee elected.

Tenders are invited for the erection of the Public Bathing Shed at Kennedy Town, for the first section of the new 100 foot road between Causeway Bay and Ming Yuen Gardens, for the erection of the Postal Kiosk near the Police Station at Kowloon City and for the laying of a 45 ft. wide of reinforced concrete surfacing in Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road and Lai Chi Kok Road.

Preliminary steps have been completed for the formation of an "Anzac" Company on the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, and since the idea was mooted at the recent dinner, 28 men have been sworn in at Volunteer Headquarters, and many more are expected to join up. The Company is to wear distinctive uniform, and a cable has been sent to Australia for a supply of slouch hats.

A letter of appreciation, voicing the gratitude of the citizens of Shanghai, for the excellent service performed by the Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Brigade during the recent trouble, has been received by Mr. A. Morris, the Commissioner of the Brigade of the City. The letter signed by Dr. F. O. Yen, and thanks the Brigade for the gift of the ambulance and medical supplies presented to the St. John Ambulance Hospital.

NEW LOCAL FIRM.

Chinese Merchants' Enterprise.

OFFICIAL OPENING.

The official opening of the newly formed Chinese Merchants' Land Investment & Construction Co., Ltd., took place at 11.30 this morning at the Company's premises on the third floor of Gloucester Building. There was a large attendance of well-wishers who were received by Mr. Soo Hoo Moo-tong, Chairman of the Company, and Mr. E. D. Shank, Managing Director. Speeches were made in English and Chinese by Mr. Shank and Mr. Soo, who expressed pleasure at so many accepting their invitation. The success of the new firm was toasted in champagne.

The following is the list of guests invited to attend the opening:

His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E.

Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C., Sir Shou-son Chow, Baron and Baroness Kruse of Verchou, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Dr. H. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau.

Sister Paul, Miss E. Pereira, Dr. G. W. Pope, and Dr. S. A. M. Sepher.

Messrs. D. S. Edwards, G. J. Chambers, A. C. Burford, H. West, L. C. P. Ree, G. P. Murphy, J. M. Purvis, G. E. L. Johnson, W. L. Walker, J. Fraser, F. P. R. James, S. Hamer, R. J. Vernal, W. H. Owen.

Messrs. R. O. F. King (Editor of the *China Mail* and *Sunday Herald*), R. T. Barrett (Editor of the Hong Kong Daily Press), A. Hicks (Editor of the Hong Kong Telegraph), H. Ching (Editor of the South China Morning Post), A. Macfayden (Editor of the South China Sunday Star), F. T. J. Locke, R. A. Logan, A. B. Purvis, J. Forbes, A. E. Lissaman, H. H. Pegg, A. F. Reynold, E. Newhouse.

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Prince of Wales' Friends

In His Royal Highness' Confidence: Small, Intimate Circle

In a plainly furnished study, almost empty save for one big desk and two armchairs, there are two young men, one fair and the other dark.

The fair-haired man—he is the Prince of Wales—is pacing up and down, talking in rapid staccato phrases, emphasising his points with quick decided gestures, while the other, his closest and most intimate friend, Lord Ednam, son and heir to the Earl of Dudley, sits listening, occasionally interrupting with a word or two of shrewd comment.

It is a scene you might see any day, were you privileged to go "behind the scenes" at York House, at whose old, red, weather-beaten walls so many visitors gaze every day.

The Prince to-day values Lord Ednam's advice more perhaps than that of any one else, and when he is busy composing one of his big industrial or commercial speeches it is to Lord Ednam that he turns for guidance, whether some phrase will please a particular audience of business men, whether this point or that should be stressed or not.

Lord Ednam has had many tragedies in his life. His mother was drowned, his seven-year-old son was killed on Chelsea Embankment, and his wife, the beautiful daughter of the Duke of Sutherland, was burned to death in the Meopham air disaster in 1930.

It was this last tragedy which brought the Prince and Lord Ednam, who had for many years been great friends, even closer together, for the Prince, feeling that his grief-stricken friend should have his mind distracted, asked him to accompany him on his great tour of South America.

Throughout that tour, and ever since, the two have been constant companions.

Perhaps one reason for their friendship lies in their mutual interests, for Lord Ednam is a serious-minded young man who devotes much of his time to the study of those problems of trade and international commerce in which the Prince is so keenly interested.

He is no easy friend, this young man with the world-famous smile and the persuasive personality that has earned him the title of the "Royal Commercial Traveller."

He is so full of life and energy that his moods change as rapidly as the April sky, and he does not suffer fools gladly.

His Eagerness.
That revealing mannerism—almost as well known as his smile of fingering his tie, or playing with the buttons of his coat while he is making a speech, is not so much a nervous affection as an outward sign of his eagerness and impatience to "get on with the job," as he puts it himself.

Consequently, those in the immediate royal circle have to possess quick brains and nimble wits, and the ability to adjust themselves to the passing mood.

Perhaps the man who knows the Prince best of all is Brig-General Gerald Trotter—"G," as he is known to every one at Court.

He has been with the Prince since 1919 as Groom-in-Waiting and equerry, and his debonair soldierly figure, with one sleeve pinned across the breast of his coat, he lost an arm when he won the D.S.O. in the South African War—is one of the most familiar sights of St. James'.

"He is my best and oldest friend," said the Prince once, when, in the wilds of Africa, General Trotter lay ill with a heart attack.

The attack had been developing for some time, but "G" would not give in, and accompanied the Prince

STEEL INDUSTRY INQUIRY.

The International Labour Office is setting up a special committee to conduct an inquiry into working conditions in the steel industries of the most important producing countries. The inquiry will probably be confined to the sixteen countries whose annual output reaches 500,000 tons or more. It will be limited to the actual production of iron and steel and the preliminary treatment to which these metals are subjected for delivery in simple form, such as ingots, bars, billets, girders, slabs, sheets, plates, and tubes. It will not cover the more advanced stages of manufacture in the production of finished goods, and while the manufacture

of galvanised sheets and tinplate and alloy steels will be included, the manufacture of cast-iron goods will not. Efforts will be made to include a comparison of wage statistics in each country, and some account will be given of difficulties in the methods of fixing wage rates.

DANCE GIRL'S CRIME.

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She has been sentenced to life in the prison for the manufacture of opium and while the manse

KAWABATA DIES—ADMIRAL NOMURA'S EYE REMOVED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Injured.
Mr. Kawabata, Chairman of the Japanese Residents' Association who is not expected to live.

Mr. K. Mural, the Japanese Consul-General of Shanghai who was wounded in the leg.

Mr. K. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Minister to China and chief delegate to the Armistice negotiations, who received a broken leg which may have to be amputated.

Lieut. General Kenchichi Ueda, second in command of the Japanese forces in Shanghai, who has serious wounds in both legs and abdomen.

Lieut. General Yoshinori Shirakawa, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces who is seriously wounded in the head and body.

Admiral Nomura, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Naval forces in Chinese waters, who was wounded in the head and is said to have lost an eye.

Mr. Tomono, secretary of the Japanese Residents' Association.

A Laundry Clerk.

He is Major Edward Duley Metcalfe, M.C., known for some entirely mysterious reason, as "Fruity" Metcalfe to nearly every hunting and riding man in England.

A first-class horseman, fearless to hounds, and expert in the polo-field, he is an outstanding example of the English sportsman, and it is to the sport-loving side of the Prince's nature that he makes his appeal.

They are fellow-members of the Bath Club, where they are often to be seen together in the gymnasium or on the squash courts.

They are old friends, for up to their marriage in 1925 to Lady Alexandra, the lovely daughter of the late Lord Curzon, "Fruity" Metcalfe acted as equerry to the Prince. Twelve years ago, when the Prince was starting to lay the foundations of the great personal knowledge he has to-day of the Empire he may one day be called upon to rule. Major Metcalfe, himself only a few years older than the Prince, was one of those who helped to guide his quest. Major Metcalfe nowadays is tremendously busy in the advertising profession.

Four years ago a dozen young men in London could call themselves the Prince's friends. They were seen everywhere together. Their names were on everybody's lips.

"Babe."

Perhaps it is significant that one of the most frequent visitors to York House is Lord Derby, the great Englishman who is at the same time a lover of sport and one of the foremost authorities on international relationships in Europe.

Sir Abe Bailey, the South African magnate, is also often an informal caller on the Prince, but they discuss other things than racing, for that is one of the few sports that hold no interest for his Royal Highness.

No account of the Prince's friends could close without mention of Prince George, his youngest brother, and one of his closest comrades.

"Babe" the Prince of Wales calls Prince George.

They are alike in temperament and tastes, and they share many interests in common, so that the bachelor menage at York House, where Prince George has now taken up permanent quarters, is a very happy one.

In their "off-duty" moments, the two Princes will sit in the big cosy armchairs of their library, talking cars and aeroplanes—they are both keen drivers, and learned their piloting together—and a host of other subjects.

The Prince is a difficult friend. He is a faithful and loyal one as well.

Ask "Babe" or "G."

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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Orders issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding H.K.V.D.C.—

PARADES.

Battery.

There will be a parade for Signal Section only at 2 p.m. at Gunclub Hill, Kowloon, to-day for classification of signallers. Each man will provide his own writer down.

Dress:—Uniform, shorts, puttees, boots, jackets, bandoliers, helmets, and haversacks.

There will be a lecture at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, by Capt. D. Dunlop, R.A., on Mechanised Artillery. Every member must attend.

Sunday, May 8, parade at 10 a.m. at Headquarters. Each member will bring Haversack ration.

Uniform:—Boots, puttees, shorts, jackets, helmets, bandoliers and haversacks.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, for Signal Instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be a parade for the whole Section on Monday, May 2, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun and Revolver Training.

Motor Machine Gun Section.—

All ranks will parade at Headquarters on Monday, May 2, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Part I. Revolver at Kennedy Road.

Scottish Company.

There will be no parades on Thursday, May 5.

A meeting of all Officers and N.C.O.'s will be in the Lecture Room at Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. to discuss programme for the current training season.

A.A. L.A. Company.

The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday, May 5.

The Portuguese Company will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, May 6, (see A.A.L.A. Company Training Details below).

The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:—

I.—Corps Band.

II.—Engineer Company.

III.—Machine Gun Troop.

IV.—Machine Gun Company.

V.—Portuguese Company.

Appointment.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieut. J. F. Wright, H.K.V.D. Corps, to be one of his Honorary Aides-de-Camp, during the absence on leave of Lieut. H. Owen Hughes, H.K.V.D. Corps, with effect from April 12, 1932.

Amendment.

Corps Orders No. 16/32 para. 8 "Ptes. G. Miskin and C. Blaker" should read "Sergeants G. Miskin and C. Blaker."

Struck Off The Strength.

Having left the Colony—No. 1277 Pte. C. A. Gaan, No. 10 Platoon, from April 25, 1932.

Strength.

The following have been taken on the Strength:—No. 1815 Pte. R. Medina (No. 9 Platoon); No. 1816 Pte. A. D. Lawson (No. 4 Platoon).

Allotment of Kennedy Road Range.

Kennedy Road Range is allotted to the Armoured Car Section on Monday evening, May 9.

Anzac Company.

The Commandant has approved of the formation of a new Unit in the Corps to be known as The Anzac Company.

A full list of all enlistments in this Unit will appear in the next issue of Corps Orders.

Leave.

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No. 1048 Pte. A. McArthur, No. 7 Platoon, granted 12 months' leave from April 25, 1932, to April 24, 1933.

A.A.L.A. Company Training Details.

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THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 5th May, 1932, being a Customs Holiday.

E. N. ENSOR,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs
Kowloon & District.
York Building,
Hong Kong, 29th April, 1932.

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THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, the 19th May, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th MAY to 27th MAY, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
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MELBOURNE MARU	Wed.	5th May
London Maru	Mon.	9th May
KINAI MARU	Fri.	20th May
CELEBES MARU	Wed.	4th May
HIMALAYA MARU	Mon.	2nd May
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During the past few weeks distinctly more activity was noted in the tanker-chartering section for both clean and dark oil tonnage, and the volume of business negotiated latterly was the largest seen for a long while past, whilst a slightly better undertone was noted in the market, although there was no improvement in rates of freight. In fact, a much improved demand has been noted for several classes of trampy tonnage, especially for boats to load grain from the River Plate to the U.K. Continent.

The outstanding feature was the heavy demand for dark oil tonnage for loading from California to Japan in connection with the troubles in the Far East, and this resulted in a large number of tankers being arranged for March dates, although shippers' requirements are by no means satisfied and further inquiries are in circulation for tonnage for May-June loading. It is interesting to note that the majority of the tankers chartered were of a large size, which was very welcome to owners who have been obliged to accept paltry part cargoes for a long while past and have been faced with the problem of unused space as well as that of idle tonnage.

The total bookings to February 20, amounted to nine vessels of 108,700 tons. The rate of 27 cents is, of course, a very low one, which is only to be expected with so much unemployed tanker tonnage in existence, but it is satisfactory to note that the sustained demand has not caused any further weakness. The last business effected in this market was in August, when 41 cents was paid, while terms at this time last year stood at around 34 cents.

In the clean oil market some renewed activity was noted in tonnage from California to Australia-New Zealand at somewhat improved rates.

Clean oil fixing from the Black Sea was very quiet with freights to the U.K.-Continent falling back to 6s. 9d., the lowest figure ever recorded for this voyage. A 12,000-tonner, however, was fixed for three ports, South Africa at the very poor rate of 12s. 8d., while a part cargo was arranged for the French Mediterranean at a very low freight. Business from Constantza was quiet with a part cargo of 3,000 tons fixed per the M. T. Storsten for Havre at the unchanged rate of 7s. 6d. for March loading, this figure being the same as that ruling a year ago.

Crude oil from Aruba to Tenerife repeated 5s. 9d. for three good-sized cargoes, whilst gas oil from Constantza to Ceuta was arranged at the rate of 6s. From Trinidad to Dakar the M. T. Nyholm, 11,000 tons, was fixed at about 5s. 10½d. for fuel oil for March-April. — "The Motor Ship."

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

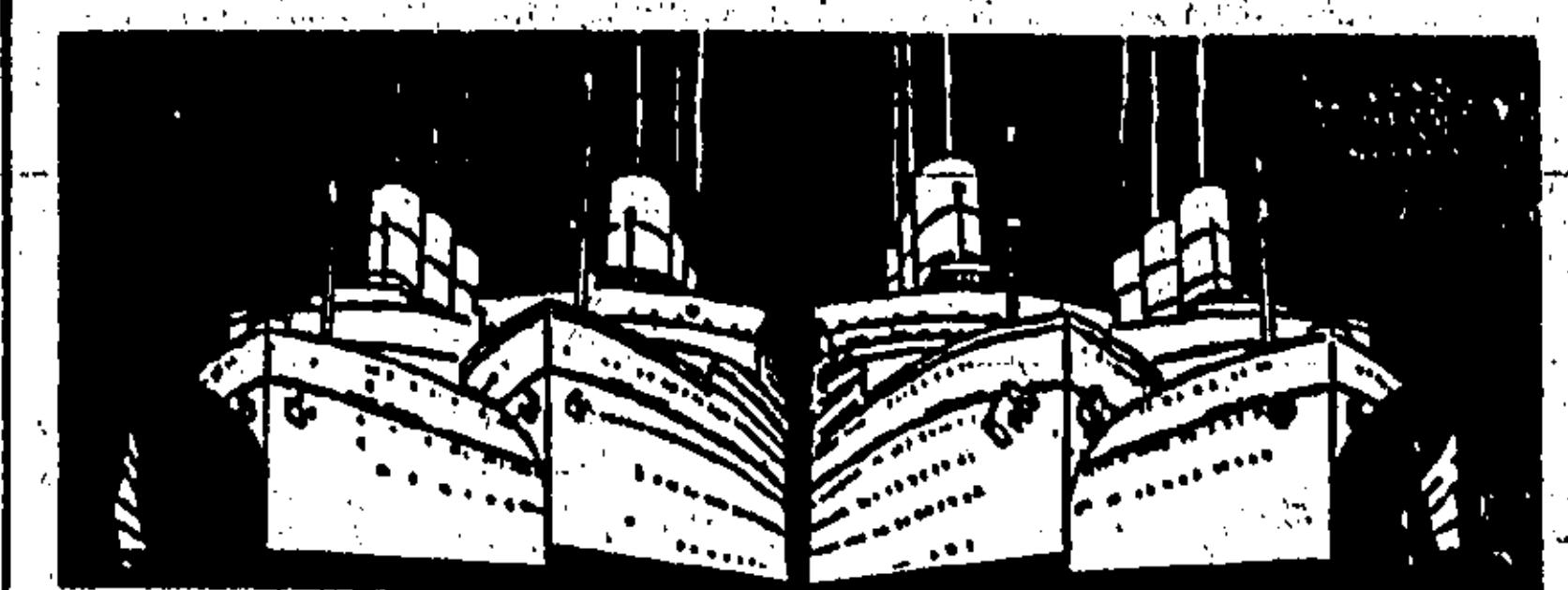
The following British warships were in harbour yesterday:—Cornwall—West wall. Cumberland—No. 8 buoy. Kent—No. 6 buoy. Moorhen—East wall. Odin—In dock. Orpheus—In dock. Otus—In dock. Tamar—Basin. Verity—East wall. Veteran—South wall. Wild Swan—West wall. Witch—North wall. Foreign Men-of-War. Mindanao—U.S. gunboat.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h, is midnight, 12hrs. in a day. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

April 30 to May 6, 1932.

Date	High Water Standard Ht.	Low Water Standard Ht.
April 30	07 45	08 00
Sat.	08 03	08 59
Sun.	08 09	08 51
Mon.	08 15	08 54
Tues.	08 22	08 56
Wed.	08 29	08 58
Thurs.	09 05	09 02
Fri.	09 12	09 05


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May 20	May 23	May 24			May 26	May 28
June 3	June 6				June 10	June 16
June 17	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 25	June 31
July 1	July 4				July 6	July 14
July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 22	July 21	July 28
July 29	Aug. 1				Aug. 3	Aug. 11
Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Aug. 26	Aug. 29				Aug. 31	Sept. 2
Sept. 2	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 17	Sept. 26
Sept. 23	Sept. 26				Sept. 28	Sept. 30

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†* SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KIDDERPORE	5,300	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†* BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
†* BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
†* SOUDAN	6,500	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
MALWA	11,000	10th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON.

Tribute to Master Mariner and Explorer.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

In the newly erected auditorium of the Royal Geographical Society a distinguished gathering met to pay homage to a master mariner, who, in his short but active life, had become one of our greatest Polar explorers, the late Sir Ernest Shackleton. The members of that world-famed society had thought it fitting to erect a memorial in the wall of their House in the form of a full-sized statue of the explorer showing him as he would appear in the icebound lands which he did so much to make known.

At the meeting preceding the unveiling, touching tributes were paid by the Society's President, Admiral Sir William Goodenough, Lord Zetland and that friend and adviser to all Polar explorers, Doctor Hugh Mills.

In the words of these men there rang a deep sincerity, and with unparallelled clarity Shackleton's life was portrayed to a degree hardly conceivable. His nature, like that of most men possessed of creative genius, was a complexity. A dreamer yet a fighter, a poet yet an organiser, but always a leader.

As with so many other boys of his time the romance of the sea got hold of him, and at the age of 16 he went forth from Dulwich College to endure the rough life in the forecastle of a sailing ship. His letters, even at that early age and amidst such surroundings, showed the sterling character that in later years endeared him so much to those whose privilege it was to have him as their leader. It was while serving as an officer in the Union-Castle Line that he received his appointment to the Discovery Expedition, led by the late Captain Scott. In that great Polar venture Scott showed his appreciation of Shackleton's character and ability by including him in his first Southern sledge journey. When the relief ship came in the following year Shackleton was invalidated home. In this decision of the leader there has always been a mystery. It can only be said that if his health was in such a perilous state he did not show it. He now had one ambition, one aim in life—to lead an expedition across the frozen wastes of Antarctica to the most southerly point. Such a project had to bide its time. In the meantime this master mariner explorer displayed that extraordinary adaptability of most of his calling. For a time he was secretary to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, then secretary to the famous Clyde shipbuilder, the late Sir William Beardmore. Then he tried politics. It may seem that such a rolling stone was doing its best to live up to the old motto, nevertheless the little "moss" that did gather was of the most invaluable nature; it can best be described as friendship and experience.

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an expedition which was to bring him fame that even in his wildest dreams he could hardly have hoped for. In this expedition he led his party to within 100 miles of the South geographical pole, blazing the trail across the Beardmore glacier. His book, The Heart of the Antarctic, tells the story of that great human effort.

His next venture was to cross the Antarctic continent from the Weddell to the Ross Sea. Everything was in readiness when suddenly the war came. Feeling that it was time for such a project, he offered to abandon the undertaking but the King ordered him to carry on. The story of that expedition, the loss of his ship the Endurance and all that followed is an epic in the history of Antarctic exploration. Success was missed by a fraction, but was gained by misfortune in her most demoniac mood. Only a leader of Shackleton's calibre and intrepidity could have extricated his party from such a hopeless situation. The lines of Kipling's "If"—

If you can meet with triumph
And treat these two impostors
just the same,

seem to have been written for that boy who went into the Merchant Navy from Dulwich College, Ernest Shackleton.

Amongst the great assembly who came to pay tribute on January 9 were a few of those who, a short generation ago, had ventured South to that ice-bound land of which so little is known. Some of these were officers of the Merchant Navy who had answered that inexplicable voice that makes one leave comfort and security for all that is diametrically opposite. The replicas of such men might have been seen on the decks of the ships in the adventurous days of Eliza, beth. The visible fashions had changed but the spirit was just the same.

Down through the history of this country the merchant seamen have ever been in the vanguard of the march towards its greatness, though some of our historians would have us believe that these were all King's men. What claim has the Royal Navy on the brothers Cabot, Hawkins, Willoughby, Chancellor, Brothisher, Drake, Hudson, Cook, and last, but not least, Shackleton? In the hearts of many of our embryo officers to-day there lies latent the spirit of these men whose names are milestones in this country's progress and it wants but a spark to set such a flame. The Master of the Merchant Navy, the Prince of Wales, made an unforgettable appeal the other evening to the youth of this nation; will that appeal find its way to the heart of some youngster serving under the red ensign?—who knows.

Perhaps the Elizabethan seamen seem too far away, but is there any need to strain one's imagination when we have an example so near at hand? A short generation ago a young Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve left the Union-Castle Line. How familiar and near at hand it seems; to-day his name is honoured throughout the length and breadth of the world, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Master Mariner.—J.H.B. in Nautical Magazine.

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THE SYDNEY BRIDGE.

"Work Equal to Best in World."

SAYS MR. ENNIS.

Mr. Lawrence Ennis, of Dorman, Long and Co., Ltd., addressed the Institution of Engineers at the Sydney Conservatorium on the night of March 29.

Mr. Ennis said that at the peak of the bridge contract 1,400 men were engaged, at a weekly pay roll of £9,000.

The fabrication of the bridge, proceeded Mr. Ennis, was more important than its erection. Absolute accuracy was essential. There were members in the bridge which had caused him great concern, notwithstanding the research work he had carried out in England. "I came here," he said, "with anxiety and fear because I knew you have not done any large heavy bridge work in Australia. My anxiety was whether I could get men who could operate machines and fabricate the members of the magnitude of this bridge. We had rivets 18in. long, and 13in. in diameter to be driven through the top of the great arch. I have never known more difficult or heavier rivets to be handled by men, and I am pleased to tell you that after some little experience my doubts were dispelled by my contact with you men. (Cheers.) The work on that bridge is equal to the very best in the world." (Renewed cheers.)

Any doubts which might be held as to the foundations were dispelled by Mr. Ennis, who said that diamond drill bores were put down to a distance of 60 feet to prove there were no weaknesses below. This practice proved invaluable, for an unknown, unused tunnel was found, at the spot where the eastern pier beyond the northern pylon, had been erected.

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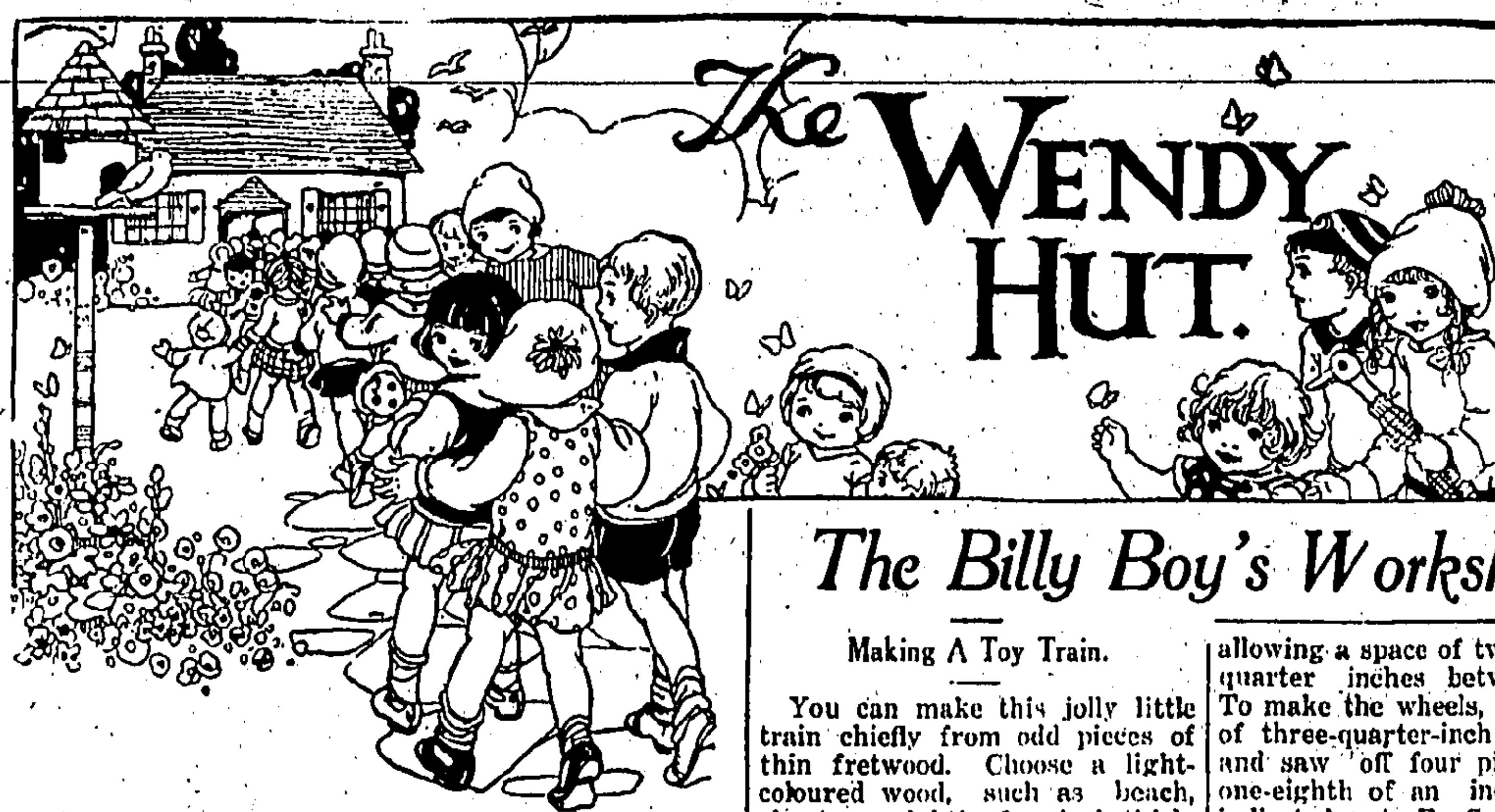
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The Wendy Hut.

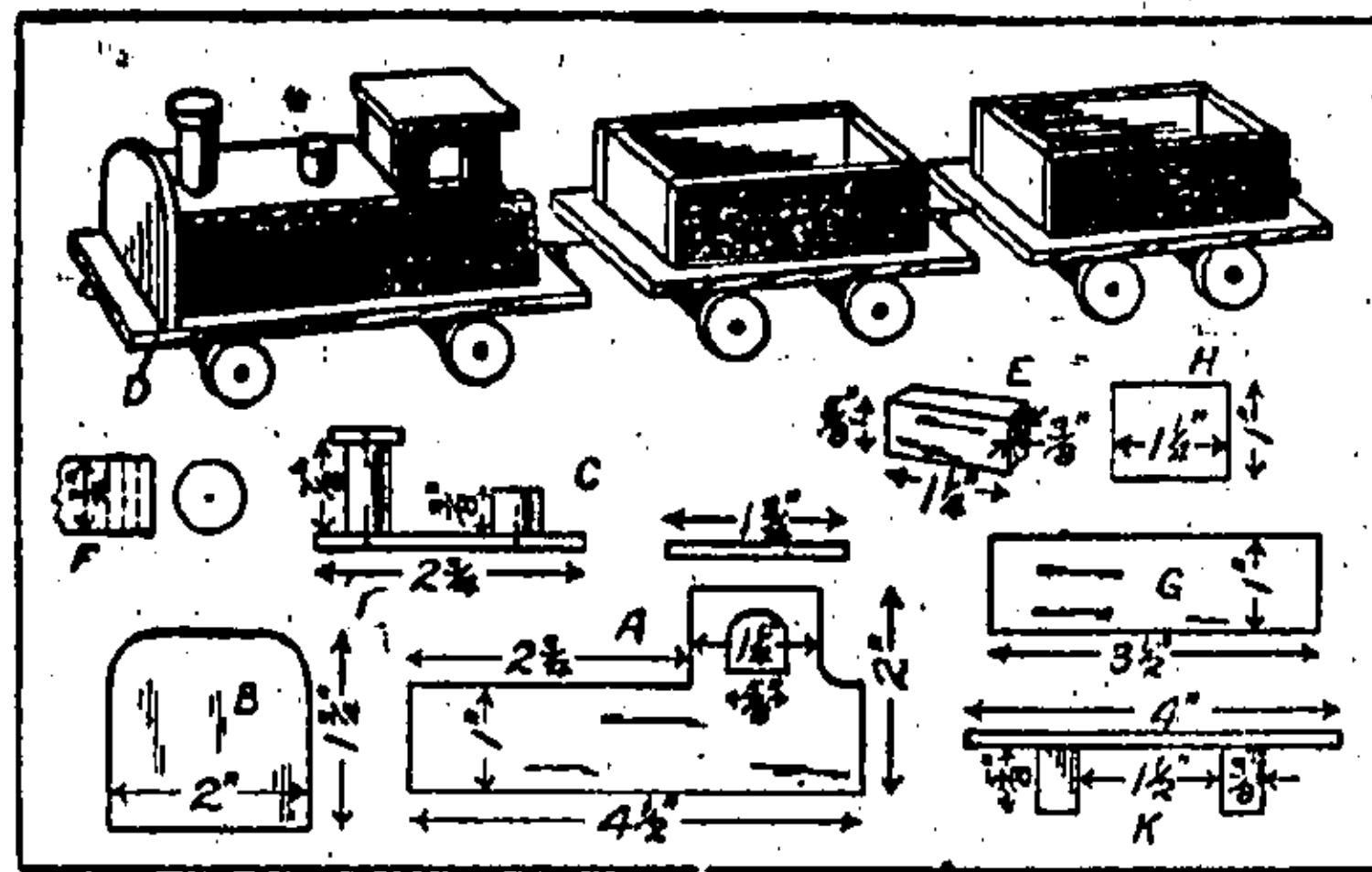
Making A Toy Train.

You can make this jolly little train chiefly from odd pieces of thin fretwood. Choose a light-coloured wood, such as beech, about one eighth of an inch thick, as indicated at F. Smooth both sides of each wheel with glasspaper, make a small hole in the centre of each, and fix them loosely to the ends of the blocks E with fine flat-headed nails, about half an inch long.

For the sides of the engine, cut two pieces of wood to the shape and sizes given in diagram A, and, with a fretsaw, cut out the side window in each piece. The engine front, shown at B should be cut next, and the top corners rounded and smoothed with glasspaper. The top part, C, is

allowing a space of two and three quarter inches between them. To make the wheels, take a piece of three-quarter-inch dowel rod and saw off four pieces about one eighth of an inch thick, as indicated at F. Smooth both sides of each wheel with glasspaper, make a small hole in the centre of each, and fix them loosely to the ends of the blocks E with fine flat-headed nails, about half an inch long.

To make one of the trucks, cut a piece of wood measuring four inches by two inches for the floor; two pieces as shown at G, for the sides, and two pieces, H, for the ends. Smooth all the



The toy train about which Carpenter tells you to-day. You will enjoy making it, and the small brother will enjoy playing with it.

two inches wide, and to this part, parts with glasspaper, and glue them together, as shown in the top diagram. Two axle blocks, E, the same size as used for the engine, must be glued on underneath the floor, as shown in diagram K. Cut four more wheels from the three-quarter-inch rod, and fix them in the same way as the engine wheels.

The front part of the cab is two inches long and one and a quarter inches wide, and is glued between the two side pieces. For the roof of the cab, cut a piece of wood two inches by one and three-quarter inches and glue it in place. The other parts can now be glued together and also to the base D, which is five and a half inches long and two inches wide.

Now cut two small blocks to the sizes given at E, and glue them on underneath the part D, parts with glasspaper, and glue them together, as shown in the top diagram. Two axle blocks, E, the same size as used for the engine, must be glued on underneath the floor, as shown in diagram K. Cut four more wheels from the three-quarter-inch rod, and fix them in the same way as the engine wheels.

The couplings between the engine and trucks are simply wire nails, three-quarters of an inch long; the heads are cut off and the nails bent to form staples and hooks. These can be pushed into the wood with the aid of a pair of pliers.

The finished train can be left plain or given a coating of paint in one or two different colours.

The Hut Carpenter.

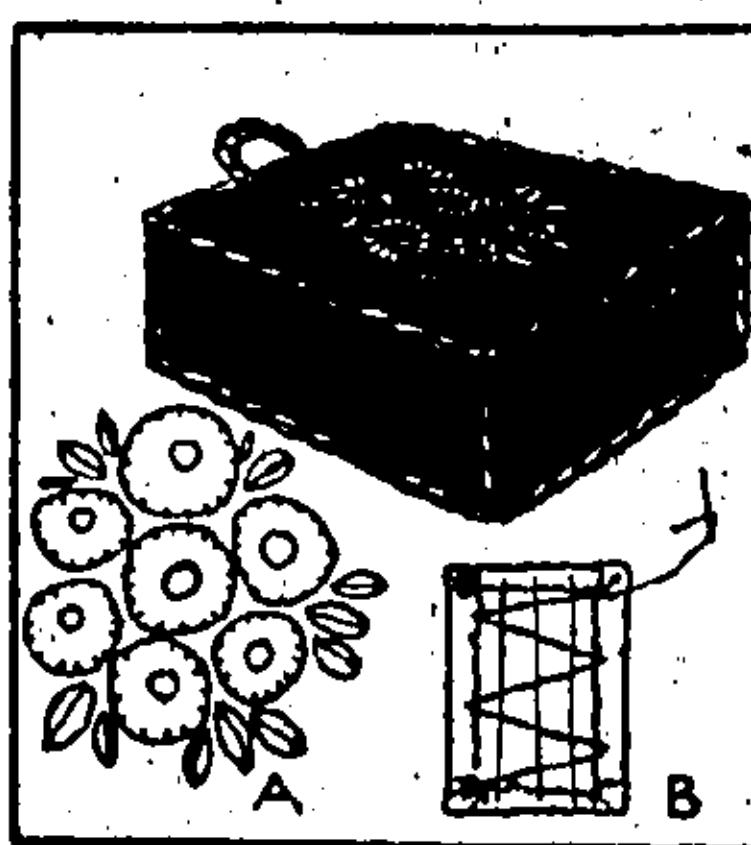
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WENDY'S LITTLE NEEDLEWOMEN!

A Present For Granny.

A Wendy girl wants to make a present for her Granny, but it mustn't cost very much, as her money-box is almost empty! We've considered the matter very carefully, and we think Granny would love a little footstool! It will cost hardly anything for materials because you will probably be able to beg most of them from Mother.

The foundation of the footstool is a square cardboard box. You must take it to pieces, as you will want separate pieces of card for covering — a top, a bottom, and the four sides. Cover the bits of card with whatever material you obtain: oddments of dark-coloured cloth will be best, but



The footstool for Granny. Dressmaker tells you how to make it.

almost anything will do, so long as it's clean and fairly substantial. You could make a very pretty cover of patchwork, if you could get enough scraps; or if you can manage to obtain a little piece of black or navy cloth, you can make a pretty stool by embroidering a coloured wool posy on top.

Suppose you decide on the embroidered cloth top: work the design on the cloth, then cover the top bit of card with it. Diagram A gives you a little design, which you can quickly work with lazy-daisy, and buttonhole-stitches; and Diagram B shows you how to cover the card. Place the card in the centre of the material, taking care to get the design in the middle, and fold over the edges, catching them from one side to the other, and from top to bottom.

Cover the other cards with

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water breaks all spells, the stream ran across the magic circle, and the princess stepped out.

She beheld a prince riding to see why that forest had grown so quickly, and he went and killed the dragon, then married the princess. They built a castle in the forest, and the rooks came and nested in the oaks, and they all lived happily ever after.



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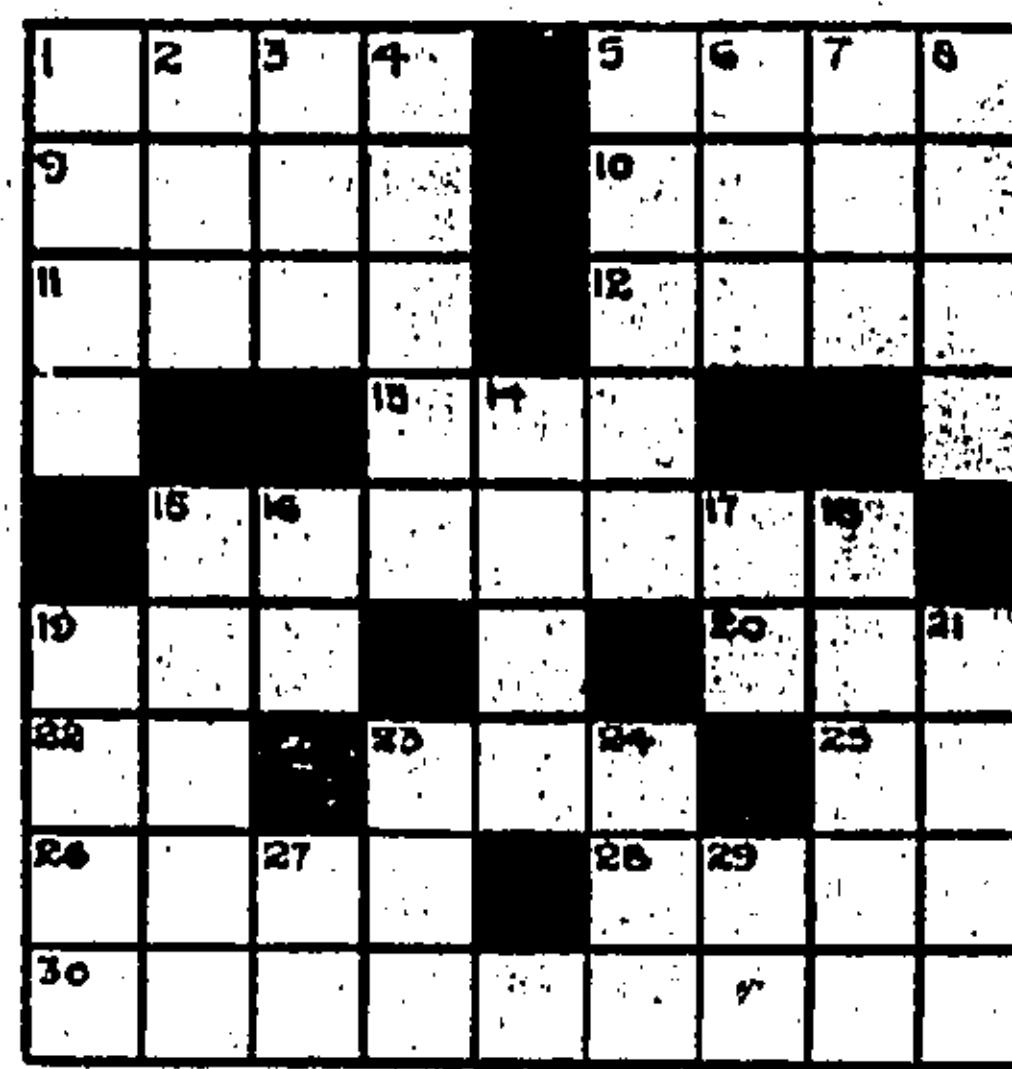
TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

The three feet drawn beside last week's puzzle suggested to you, of course, the hidden measurement — one yard. Here is the full solution:

Across.	
1. Extinct bird	(Dodo).
4. Gone by	(Ago).
7. Number	(One).
8. Not down	(Up).
9. First part of hidden answer	(One).
10. Sleep cry	(Bnn).
11. Prefix meaning "before"	(Pre).
12. Ringlet	(Curl).
13. French for "the" (feminine)	(La).
14. Second word of hidden answer	(Yard).
15. Conclusion	(End).
17. Ascend	(Rise).
19. Grows old	(Ages).
20. Number	(Ten).
21. Notion	(Idea).

Down.	
1. Short for "doctor"	(Dr.).
2. Finished	(Done).
3. Same as 7 across	(One).
5. Protects	(Guards).
6. Precious stone	(Opal).
9. Fruit	(Orange).
10. Hidden in the ground	(Buried).
11. Flattened fold — as in a skirt	(Pleat).
12. Vehicle	(Car).
16. Wild beast's home	(Den).
18. Girl's name	(Eva).

The hidden word this week is the name of a man-of-war's boat, and the picture will probably help you to guess it.



Can you guess what English word this represents?

Clues:-

Across.	Down.
1. Hut.	2. Same as 12 across.
5. Ocean.	3. Animal.
9. Cousin of the frog.	4. Brightness.
10. Kind of stew.	5. Lady's jewelled head-band.
11. Lazy.	6. Strange.
12. Gaelic dialect.	7. A drink.
13. Famous port-of-call to the	8. Contradict.
14. East.	14. Insects.
15. Helps you to hear.	15. Self-respect.
16. Hidden name.	16. The thing.
17. Skill.	17. Short for "company."
18. Not young.	18. Senior.
19. Musical note.	19. Among.
20. Remains of a fire.	21. Put on.
21. Accomplish.	22. Same as 7 down.
22. False god.	23. Possessed.
23. End of a prayer.	24. Preposition.
24. Protectors.	25. Pronoun.

plain cloth; then put them together, and sew up the box once more, but leave the bottom piece in one of the colours in the embroidery. A little chain loop off until you have stuffed the stool with wood-shavings; tightly crumpled-up newspaper, or closely-packed rags. Then stitch

on the bottom, and cover all the edges with a crochet chain cord in one of the colours in the embroidery. A little chain loop each side of the footstool will serve as a handle.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

THE TINKER BELL CLUB.

I want to become a member of the "Tinker Bell Club," and I promise to do one kind action every day. Please send me a "Tinker Bell" enrolment card.

Name Address Age Date of Birth Cut this out, and send it to Tinker Bell, c/o The Editor, China Mail.

WELL SAY! NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' MY LANGUAGE. WHY DON'T YOU AN' I TAKE A ROOM TOGETHER? WE COULD CUT OUR EXPENSES IN HALF.

SAY THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!

OH, SURE. BUT MY LANDLADY WON'T LET ME MOVE UNTIL I PAY THE LAST TWO MONTHS' RENT. GOT ANY IDEA?

WE'RE STARTING OFF HOME.

THE PRINCESS AND THE ROOKS.

she saw them again, so she called out:—

"Rooks, Rooks, you have wings, you are free!

Rooks, Rooks, stop awhile, pity me!

Bring me something to break this charm,

And I will protect you for ever from harm.

Rooks, Rooks, can't you throw me a rope,

Or bring me a prince, or give me hope?"

The rooks fluttered over her head like black shadows; then they held a Parliament outside of the earth. These oaks drew the ring, and suddenly they all a little steam up, and, as running

flew away.

Day after day, the princess waited for them to come back, and when at last she saw them she held up her hands to them in joy. Then they opened their bunks and let a shower of acorns fall to earth.

"Oh, they are no good to me!" wept the princess, as the rooks flew away.

All the Winter the acorns lay on the ground, but in the Spring they sprouted, and in the Summer they grew into trees! And trees, of course, draw water out

of the earth. These oaks drew

the ring, and suddenly they all a little steam up, and, as running

Rosie's Beau
Geo. Metamus
Registered U.S. Patent Office.

FINE! HOW SOON DO YOU SUPPOSE WE COULD GET A ROOM?

MOVE RIGHT OVER TO MY PLACE UNTIL WE CAN FIND A BETTER ONE. HOW ABOUT TODAY?

I'D LIKE TO IF YOU'LL HELP ME MOVE.

GEE! IT COSTS SO MUCH TO LIVE AND I CAN'T AFFORD THE EXPENSE IF DYING-ROSIE THINKS I GET A GOOD SALARY.

SURE! HAVE YOU MUCH LUGGAGE? CAN WE BOTH CARRY IT?

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CHURCHES

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

Sunday, May 1, 1932,

5th Sunday after Easter. Feast of S.S. Philip and James, Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.

Children's Service, 10 a.m.

Choral Eucharist and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Dean.

Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Preacher: The Rev. N. Evans.

Week Day Services.

Matins—Daily, at 9 a.m.

Intercessions for the Sick—Wednesday at 10.15 a.m.

Holy Communion—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Rogation Days), at 7.45 a.m.

Other Notices.

Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5.

Holy Communion, 7.45 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

Matins, 9 a.m.

Festal Evensong with Address, 5.30 p.m.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, WANCHAI

Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road E.

Sunday, May 1, 1932,

5th Sunday after Easter.

Morning Service: 10.15 a.m.

Subject of Sermon: "What is Christ's Best Gift to Men?"

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Subject of Sermon: Series, "The Altars of Life"—(1) Abraham's First Sacrifice.

Preacher: The Rev. Eris C. H. Tribbeck.

The Sunday School has been discontinued until the First Sunday in November.

A Business Meeting of the Ladies' Church Aid Society will be held on Monday, May 2, at 8 p.m., in the Committee Room of the Wesleyan Sailors' & Soldiers' Home.

At the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home.

Sunday at 8.15 p.m., the Service Men's Hour to be conducted by the Chaplain.

Monday—Badminton Club Meet.

Tuesday—Fellowship Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday—Badminton Club Meet.

UNION CHURCH.

KENNEDY ROAD HONG KONG.

Sunday, May 1, 1932.

Preacher: The Rev. E. G. Powell.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Social Hour after Evening Service.

Sunday School, Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

[Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.] Macdonnell Road, Below Bowen Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service, May 1, 1932,

11.15 a.m.

Subject:—"Everlasting Punishment."

The Sunday School is held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Reading Room at above address open:

Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Monday and Thursday 5.30 to 7 p.m.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	4,000
Signal Station	3,774
Mt. Parker	3,781
Mountain Lodge	3,725
The Pines	3,725
Peak Hotel	3,600
Tai Po Sanatorium	3,000
Mt. Davis	3,570
Bowen Rd. Midland	2,910
Macdonnell Rd.	2,800
Tai Po	2,800
Kowloon Peak	2,700

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

PRINCESS PANTHEA.

Princess Panthea is the able assistant to Professor Aleko at the Queen's Theatre, next week and will delight audiences with her remarkable ability to answer the perplexing questions asked of her. Professor Aleko has a mental telepathy act that represents one of the most unusual performances seen on a Hong Kong stage for some time.

Aleko has had an extended trip in Europe where he is said to have made many startling disclosures that won him considerable fame wherever he appeared. He played an engagement at St. George's Hall, London, where he was privileged to appear before royalty.

His feature next week is to tell interested people what the future holds in store for them. With the assistance of Princess Panthea, Professor Aleko is enabled to answer virtually every question of consequence that is asked of him.

Aleko was educated in the science of telepathy in Egypt where the world's greatest philosophers congregate. He speaks 12 languages and is therefore able to answer questions asked or written in any of those 12 tongues.

SKYLINE.

"Skyline" the Fox production which is showing at the King's Theatre to-day, is magnificent entertainment. Director Sam Taylor has taken the Kiesenberg novel, "East Side, West Side," and made of it a motion picture that with the direct drive and stunning impact of a steam pile driver, or one of the riveting guns that fasten together the steel girders of the sky-scrappers where much of the film's scene is laid.

Thomas Meighan, Hardie Albright and that dainty bit of Irish femininity, Maureen O'Sullivan, Myrna Loy and Donald Dillaway portray the featured roles and Meighan adds another personal triumph to his string of successful pictures.

"Skyline" depicts the adventures of an ambitious youth of uncertain parentage, reared on a dilapidated river barge, and dominated by its brutal captain.

The romantic element of this picture is furnished by Albright and Miss O'Sullivan. Both are superb, especially in their romantic scenes.

The beautiful and exotic Myrna Loy, as never played as persuasively. Donald Dillaway is very good.

Stanley Fields, Jack Kennedy, Alice Ward and Robert McWade are perfectly cast in their roles.

"Skyline" is a powerful drama, fascinating in romance and as human as life itself.

TO-NIGHT OR NEVER.

All the brilliant comedy and romantic appeal which made "To-night or Never" one of the outstanding hits of the New York stage last year, appears again on the screen in Samuel Goldwyn's screen production of the famous play which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day with Gloria Swanson playing the leading role.

"To-night or Never" was the last success of the late great David Belasco, the grand old man of the American stage. To make sure that nothing was missing on the screen that made it a success on the stage, Samuel Goldwyn brought to Hollywood practically all of the New York cast to appear in the screen version.

Melvyn Douglas, the rising young New York leading man whom Belasco had signed up for the hero's role in "To-night or Never" a year before the production of the play began, is again playing the same role in the picture version. Both Gloria Swanson and Samuel Goldwyn were convinced that no one else should be allowed to try the part he fitted so perfectly to the mysterious young American pursuing the Hungarian opera singer.

And the rest of the cast assures the same finish and brilliance which "To-night or Never" had in New York.

It includes Ferdinand Gottschalk, one of the best known character actors in the American theatre, known for thirty years of expert portrayals. Robert Greig, Greta Mayer and Warburton Gamble, all of whom appeared in the original stage production at the Shubert Theatre, have been highly

tried to enjoy the native food, but finds it best just to nibble at each dish when she attends a native feast. She lives in a little beach cottage while there, but has most of her meals brought over from the hotel.

She is the most punctual actress on the Fox lot when making a picture. But she avoids social engagements that must be kept on schedule.

She dislikes large gatherings where she is likely to be the centre of attraction.

She enjoys vigorous exercise, plays hard at everything she does, exacting every bit of fun possible from it.

She has an exceptionally detailed knowledge of film technique and mechanical procedure. She knows what she can do best on the screen and just how to do it. On the other hand, she admits she is no judge of screen material. She claims she never understands how anyone can make a screen drama out of a novel.

She listens attentively to every word the director says to her when rehearsing a scene. She perfects her lines and her business quickly.

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Now again, in Michael's first talkie Richard Cooper is playing a leading part. Thus does history repeat itself.

WEST OF BROADWAY.

John Gilbert is starred in "West of Broadway" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest offering which will open on Sunday, at the Queen's Theatre.

The new Gilbert picture is of particular interest because it marks another trail in the star's increasing popularity. In a role reminiscent of "The Big Parade" and "Broadway," Gilbert makes his first appearance under the masterful direction of Harry Beaumont, pioneer in a silent and sound production.

Gilbert's recent portrayals in "Gentleman's Fate" and "Phantom of Paris" were considered his finest work in the sound medium and his characterization in the feature is said by preview critics to eclipse all previous efforts. Much of the picture was screened in rolling prairie country and desert ranch lands, offering magnificient vistas of the expansive West where romance is said to bloom eternal.

Beaumont, whose "Our Dancing Daughters" topped all silent film records, invaded the talkie field with its first outstanding hit, "Broadway Melody." He since has screened "Our Blushing Brides," "Laughing Sinners" and "The Great Lover." He is regarded as one of the screen's most versatile directors.

El Brendel, popular Swede-comedian, heads the cast of supporting players in the role of Axel, the hero's war buddy who stands by him in his fight for health and happiness. Brendel is noted for his imitable dialect characterization.

The feminine lead is handled by Lois Moran.

Other featured roles are played by Madge Evans, Ralph Bellamy, Frank Conroy, Gwen Lee and Hilda Hopper.

DELICIOUS.

The filming of "Delicious," the new Fox musical romance in which Janet Gaynor is again co-starred with Charles Farrell, coming to the King's Theatre on Sunday next, has revealed a number of facts about her, which add to the charming personality that has grown about this young woman of the cinema. In her role as a Scotch lass, she had plenty of opportunity to show a new side of her character.

She is extravagant about books. They range the walls of her Santa Monica Beach home. They were the first things considered in furnishing her new dressing room bungalow at Movieland City. She reads every thing. She has an especially fine collection of books dealing with the theatre and the dramatic arts.

She likes colour, preferring gay bright tints. She sometimes wears this preference by appearing in demure white.

She never removes the clothes of pictures after they are made.

She likes Hawaii, finds comfort and relaxation there, the

tried to enjoy the native food, but finds it best just to nibble at each dish when she attends a native feast. She lives in a little beach cottage while there, but has most of her meals brought over from the hotel.

She is the most punctual actress on the Fox lot when making a picture. But she avoids social engagements that must be kept on schedule.

She dislikes large gatherings where she is likely to be the centre of attraction.

She enjoys vigorous exercise, plays hard at everything she does, exacting every bit of fun possible from it.

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BLACK COFFEE.

There was a happy reunion at the Twickenham Studio when Richard Cooper and Michael Shepley, who both have leading parts in "Black Coffee" first met on the floor. They had not seen each other since 1927, when Shepley was playing his first part on the stage in "Charley's Aunt," in which Richard Cooper played the title role.

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LIST OF GUESTS.

Staying at the Hotels.

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AMERICANS WIN DAVIS CUP ENCOUNTER

DOUBLES SUCCESS

CANADIAN PAIR GO DOWN IN STRAIGHT SETS.

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States lawn tennis team today eliminated Canada from the Davis Cup Contest when John Van Ryn and Wilmur Allison defeated Marcel Rainville and Jack Wright in straight sets by 6-2, 6-1, 6-2. This is America's third victory over Canada as they clinched both singles events yesterday. — Reuter's American Service.

MATCH AGAINST AUSTRALIA.

It was by no means an unexpected result as the youthful American side are expected to go a long way in the contest this year. Their most formidable adversaries in the Pacific Zone are the Australians who have greatly improved their game this year. The Australian decision to challenge in the American Zone appears to be a wise one as they have an excellent chance against the U.S. players, and, if they should win, it will be readily conceded that ultimate victory is not beyond their power.

Ellsworth Vines, the twenty-year-old American prodigy, is the leading light in the American team.

Tall, over 6 ft. 2 in., slight, with a seriousness of countenance he reminds one of Col. Lindbergh. It is understood that he will not only concentrate on the Davis Cup as the other U.S. players intend doing, but will be seen in action at Wimbledon this year.

Full results of the American v. Canada contest were as follow: W. Allison (U.S.A.) beat M. Rainville (Canada) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4. E. Vines (U.S.A.) beat J. Wright (Canada) 8-6, 8-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Allison and Vines (U.S.A.) beat Wright and Rainville (Canada) 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

NEW BUSINESS BUILDING.

National Commercial & Savings Bank.

SITE ACQUIRED.

The National Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd., Hong Kong, whose present premises is at 144-150 Des Voeux Road, Central, a valuable property of their own, have found it too small for their growing business, and have recently acquired a most valuable site in the centre of the banking and business district in Hong Kong. The property was purchased from Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., and is situated at the corner of Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road Central. It is well-known that the Ice House Street is the "Wall Street" of Hong Kong.

The National Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd., are planning to construct a seven-storey reinforced concrete building on the site with a frontage of 58 feet by 100 feet. Messrs. Palmer and Turner, the well-known Architect, is in charge of the construction. The new building will not only be a most beautiful structure but will also be sometime next Easter.

most modern in every respect.

The ground floor will be occupied by the Bank. It will have two Manager's offices, a spacious lobby and banking hall and office space. The Mezzanine floor which will also be occupied by the Bank will consist of office space, a Board room, and a Safe Deposit Vault. The Safe Deposit Vault, although in the Mezzanine floor, will be a very strong one and at the same time free from dampness, which is a very important and valuable feature, because deeds and other written documents will not be damaged by moisture.

All the upper floors are to be let as offices. They are going to be the most modern offices in Hong Kong.

To the left of this new building is the Bank of East Asia, at the back is the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, across the Des Voeux Road is the Netherlands India Commercial Bank and across the Ice House Street is the Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association and next to it is the Bank of Canton, The American Express Co., and the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation. Certainly it is difficult to find a more ideal location for banking and business purposes.

It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupation by the end of the year.

ADMINISTRATION POWERS CRITICISED.

Situation in India Reviewed.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S ASSESSMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. Reviewing the situation in India during his speech in the House of Commons, the Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, declared that in spite of the formidable difficulties, its economic and financial conditions were much better when judged by every standard, than they were six months ago.

Then, India could not have borrowed even a small sum in the London market; nor in other money markets of world, except at altogether prohibitive rates of interest.

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The loan was issued at 9%, and was heavily over-subscribed, and now stood at a considerable premium.

Political Problems.

Dealing with the political and constitutional problem, Sir Samuel Hoare said there were today imprisoned and interned in India no fewer than 26,000 men and women but the situation as a whole was better than they might expect, considering the great upheaval going on in other parts of the world. Alluding to a series of charges made about the abuse of emergency powers and about the conduct of the police, he had gone very carefully into these matters and had satisfied himself first of all that the powers were being successfully administered, and secondly that there was in progress in this country and on the continent, and in India a very unscrupulous propaganda for the purpose of discrediting British rule and British efficiency in India.

The Government has not the least intention of being deflected from its course. They were going straight ahead with the policy approved by an overwhelming majority in the House of Commons last December, a policy laid on the true foundations of order and progress. — British Wireless Service.

TREASURY MINUTES SIGNED.

Bonds to Be Repaid at Par.

Rugby, Yesterday.

On the application of the Bank of England, the Treasury minutes have been signed maintaining the amount of the fiduciary issue at the existing figure of £275,000,000 for a further period until June 30.

The Treasury, in the exercise of the option reserved in the prospectus of to-night's Gazette, that the 4 per cent. Treasury Bonds of 1931-1938 issue will be repaid at par on August 15 next, with four months' interest up to that date.

The interest on the Bonds will then cease. — British Wireless Service.

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